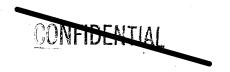
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- The sermons in all Soviet controlled churches must include literature prepared by the propagandists of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and emphasizing the slogar, "Equality, One Church, One Fatherland". The Communists remind all clergymen that the Soviet Government has reestablished the church. Therefore, it is the duty of the ecclesiastics to uphold the Communist principles. Father Sernov, a Moscow priest, stated in the first edition of the "Patriarskii Vestnik" (Patriarchal Gazette) that the Orthodox churches everywhere looked to Russia as the center which expresses the international concept of Panslaviem.
- 2. Among the well-known anti-Soviet clergmen are Bishop Paul Melitsev, now a refugee in the Vatican and a group of elergymen known as the "Delected and Group", headed by 80 years old metropolite Michael Amastasii formed; Bishop of Cholm and later Bishop of Kischiney. The headquarters of the "Karlovatska Group" are in Lausanne. This group collaborates with other orthodox circles, urging them to forego allegiance to the Patriarch of Moscow, a puppet stooge of the Communist Party.
- 3. Other personalities within the Ministry of Religious Affairs include Liaison Doputy S. Belyuchev, K. Amisimova, G. Utkin and I. Ivanov. A. Kushnaryev is the Soviet liaison to the Leningrad discess: P. Tichonov is Liaison to Nov-gorod. Minister Karpov gives direct orders to Patrierch Alexei. The liaison officers act as overseers.
- The Ministry expects the church to give the government full moral support. The Moscow patriarch calls all religious conferences except the council of representatives from the Eparchies. As there is a scarcity of clergymen few priests can choose their assignment. The Ministry must approve all the appointments of hishops and higher ecclesiastics.
- There are three schools of divinity in the Soviet Union: Moscow, Louingrad, and Kiev. Alexei personally supervises the Institute of Divinity in Moscow. Professor Popov is the Rector and Velernikov Piran Secretary. Professor Platonov is Dean of Instructors and Krithevsky assistant. The Leningrad School of Divinity is under the supervision of Movgorod Metropolyhe Grigorii. Archpriest M. Lomakin is Rector; A. Zishkin is Dean of Instructors. Entrance examinations include political questions on the history and structure of the Soviet Union. The curriculum emphasizes the "love of the Fatherland". Although officially there is only one unified church within the Soviet Union.

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two dogmatic ractions exist, the "Old Church Group" and the "New Church Group", headed by Patriarch Alexei.

On 10 November 1946 a special service was held in St. Nicholas Church in Vienna, to celebrate the completion of the repairs on the Church. Metropolitan Sergei invited all the prelates of the other Orthocox churches in Vienna, including Archimandrito Tsitter of the Greek Orthodox Church. Lieutenant General N. F. Lebedenko, Boris Churallyov, who represented Poland, and Colonel Kotolov, chief of the political section of the Russian Komondatura, were also present. Metropolitan Sergei thanked Lebedenko for the Russians' financial and material assistance in the repairs of the church and said he hoped for a continuence of the "good understanding between church and government". After the service, General Lobedenko and his staff dined at Sergei's apartment with Sergei and his staff. Chernuchin, Chief Warden of St. Nicholas, reported on church finances and again thanked Lebedenko for his generosity.

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